Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and the indication of distinguishing limitations.

The claims are amended according to the suggestions in the outstanding Action to provide proper antecedent support.

Claim 9 now presents the limitations of "examining said register reference control bit contained within a source operand of the instruction to determine its state" in the body of the claim and not the preamble. This amendment overcomes the rejection of this claim.

The application is in allowable form and the claims distinguish over the cited references. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration or further examination of this application.

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